

**REMARKS**

The foregoing Amendment supplements the Amendment previously submitted on February 1, 2005 regarding the above-identified U.S. patent application. New claims 15-17 have been added.

Applicants respectfully submit that new claims 15-17 distinguish over the prior art of record. In particular, insofar as Applicants have been determined, none of the references relied on in the previous Office Action teaches or suggests a capacitive detection device in which two electrodes, which collectively form a capacitive detector, are arranged respectively in the vehicle seat and on the vehicle floor, with the capacitive coupling variable associated with the two electrodes being used to determine whether the legs of a vehicle occupant extend to the floor of the foot well, in which one of the electrodes is divided.

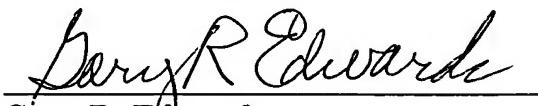
If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and

please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #095309.52645US).

Respectfully submitted,

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